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NEW APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of

Inventor(s): Darrell Meyer

For (title): WEIGHT BEARING SYSTEMS AND METHODS RELATING TO SAME

1. Type of Application

This transmittal is for a divisional application.

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. SECTIONS 1.8(a) AND 1.10*

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2. Papers Enclosed

A. Required for filing date under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) (Regular) or 37 C.F.R. 1.153 (Design) photocopy of Parent Application, filed on July 31, 2001 serial number 09/980514 which is a photocopy of the National Phase of serial number PCT/US00/02837 as filed on February 3, 2000:

14 Page(s) of Specification

5 Page(s) of Claims

12 Sheet(s) of Drawing(s)--Informal

B. Other Papers Enclosed

1 Page(s) of abstract

2 Pages(s) of Letter Requesting Declaration of Interference with U.S. Patent no 6,131,362

13 pages(s) of Declaration Supporting Interference, Including 43 Exhibits

3. Additional Papers Enclosed

Preliminary Amendment

4. Declaration or Oath

Not Enclosed.

Application is made by a person authorized under 37 C.F.R. Section 1.41(c) on behalf of the above-named inventor.

5. Inventorship Statement

The inventorship for all the claims in this application is the same.

6. Language

English

7. Fee Calculation (37 C.F.R. Section 1.16)

Regular Application

| CLAIMS AS FILED | | | | | |
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| Claims | Number Filed | Basic Fee Allowance | Number Extra | Rate | Basic Fee 37 CFR 1.16(a) \$740.00 |
| Total Claims (37 CFR 1.16(c)) | 17 | - 20 = | 0 x | \$18.00 | \$0.00 |
| Independent Claims (37 CFR 1.16(b)) | 1 | - 3 = | 0 x | \$80.00 | \$0.00 |
| Multiple Dependent Claim(s), if any (37 CFR 1.16(d)) | | + | \$270.00 | \$0.00 | |
| Filing Fee Calculation | | | | | \$740.00 |

8. Small Entity Statement(s)

Status as small entity was claimed in prior application 09/244801, filed on February 5, 1999, from which benefit is being claimed for this application under 35 U.S.C. SECTION 121, and which status as a small entity is still proper and desired.

Filing Fee Calculation (50% of above) \$370.00

9. Request for International--Type Search (37 C.F.R. Section 1.104(d))

Please prepare an international-type search report for this application at the time when national examination on the merits takes place.

10. Fee Payment Being Made at This Time

Enclosed

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| Filing Fee | \$370.00 |
| Fee for international-type search report (\$40; 37 C.F.R. Section 1.21(e)) | \$40.00 |
| Total Fees Enclosed | \$410.00 |

11. Method of Payment of Fees

Check in the amount of \$410.00 is attached.

12. Authorization to Charge Additional Fees

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the following additional fees by this paper and during the entire pendency of this application to Account No. 500341.

37 C.F.R. Section 1.16(a), (f) or (g) (filing fees)
37 C.F.R. Section 1.16(b), (c) or (d) (presentation of extra claims)
37 C.F.R. Section 1.16(e) (surcharge for filing the basic filing fee and/or declaration on a date later than the filing date of the application)
37 C.F.R. Section 1.17(a)(1)-(5) (extension fees pursuant to SECTION 1.136(a))
37 C.F.R. Section 1.17 (application processing fees)

13. Instructions as to Overpayment


Credit Account No. 500341.

14. Relate Back

Replace the relate back statement at the beginning of the specification with:

This application is a divisional of U.S. Application number 09/890,514 filed on July 31, 2001, which is a National Phase filing of PCT Application, number PCT/US00/02837 filed on February 3, 2000, which claims priority to U.S. Application number 09/282306 filed on March 31, 1999, and U.S. Provisional Application number 60/118,952 filed on February 5, 1999, each of which is incorporated herein by reference in it's entirety.

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February 16, 1996

Mr. Donald R. Moody, P. E.
President and CEO
Western Metal Lath
6510 General Drive
Riverside, CA 92509

Re: Trusteel Joist

Dear Mr. Moody,

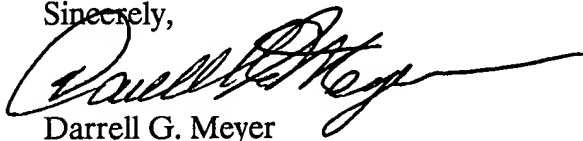
Thank you for the opportunity to meet with you on Wednesday, February 14. I enjoyed being able to discuss my invention and contemplated methods of manufacturing the tubular steel joist.

As we discussed, this tubular, welded truss assembly functions as a structural member in many applications. In addition to floor or ceiling joists, You can use it as a header, in shear-seismic, panels in combination with headers, or as columns in multistory construction.

Gouvis Engineering of Newport Beach, CA, has generated the computer model used for the calculations provided to date. Gouvis will be furnishing tables on load bearing joist spans and shear-seismic analyses. I will arrange for joint meetings as we deem necessary.

I appreciate your assurance of confidential proprietary rights. I look forward to your thoughts on how we can turn this relationship into a mutually rewarding opportunity.

Sincerely,



Darrell G. Meyer

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cc: Gouvis Engineering